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FOR UNDER SECRETARY KIMMITT FROM JIM LILLEY

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH THE CHINESE ON THE FUTURE SHAPE OF
THE GULF

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE CHINESE APPROACH TO THE SHAPE OF A POST-WAR

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CENTRAL TO THEIR

CONCERNS IS THE UN'S ROLE IN ANY SETTLEMENT, WHAT
STATUS THEY WILL BE ACCORDED AS A PERM FIVE MEMBER,
AND THE FACE THEY ARE GIVEN IN THE PROCESS. THE KEY
PLAYER IN SHAPING WHETHER THE CHINESE WILL BE HELPFUL
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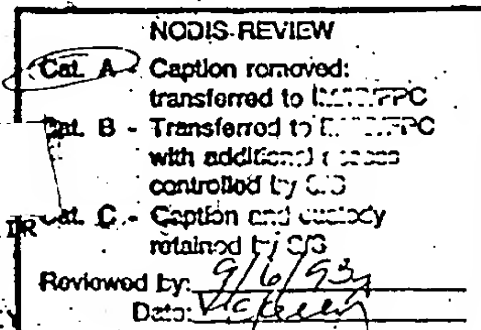
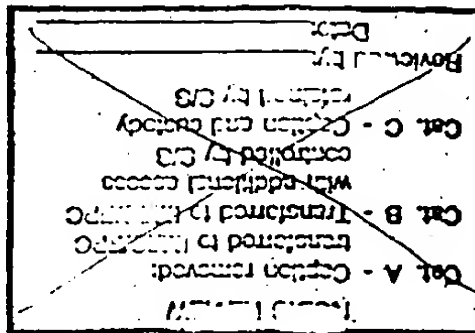
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3. WITH THE JUST-COMPLETED DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON
AND HIS TRIP NEXT WEEK TO THE MIDEAST AND THE SOVIET

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UNION, SECRETARY BAKER WILL HAVE -- AND CLEARLY BE SEEN TO HAVE -- CONSULTED WITH THE MAJOR PLAYERS ON A SETTLEMENT AND ALL UN PERM FIVE MEMBERS EXCEPT CHINA AND ITS FOREIGN MINISTER. THIS WILL BE EVEN MORE OBVIOUS WITH THE SECRETARY AND QIAN IN THE SAME PART OF THE WORLD NEXT WEEK.

4. WHILE QIAN'S SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED SEVERAL TIMES, WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL BE IN BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, GREECE, MALTA (WITH A SHORT ROME AIRPORT STOPOVER) AND MOSCOW OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, LEAVING EUROPE ON MARCH 10. IS THERE ANY CHANCE THE SECRETARY COULD LINK UP WITH HIM BEFORE OR AFTER THE TRIP TO MOSCOW? THE GESTURE, I BELIEVE, COULD PAY DIVIDENDS IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

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IF YOU THINK IT WORTHWHILE, WE COULD GET A MORE SPECIFIC ITINERARY FROM THE CHINESE TO WORK ON DETAILED POSSIBILITIES.
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